activities prejudicial to India's security;

(b) if so, in what context such communication/request has been made; and

(c) what is Pakistan Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have on various occasions conveyed its concerns to Pakistan about the latter's assistance to terrorists in Punjab.

(c) The Pakistan Government has denied giving such assistance, but evidence and our reports are to the contrary.

Pak press report about possible assassination attempt on P.M.

74. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the Pakistani press report about possible attempt on the life of the Prime Minister of India a day before the actual incident at Rajghat; and

(b) if so, what is Government's information in this regard and what preventive steps were taken in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Two newspapers published from Karachi, Pakistan, reported on October 2, 1986 that there had been several enquiries made in Karachi the previous day (October 1, 1986) about an assassination attempt on the Prime Minister. The reports came to Government's notice after incident and the question of taking preventive action on the basis of these reports did not arise.

Talks between the US and USSR Presidents on disarmament

75. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the outcome of the talks between the US President and the Soviet leader Mr. Gorbachov held at Reykjavik, Iceland, indicating as to how far the Summit talks between the two big powers were able to thrash out and narrow down the differences in regard to nuclear disarmament and ban on nuclear tests, etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): The US President Ronald Reagan and the Soviet leader General Secretary Michail Gorbachov failed to reach agreement at their Summit meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland. A number of proposals on reduction of nuclear forces and banning of nuclear tests were tabled and differences between the two sides on these issues were narrowed down. However, the talk broke down on the question of the US "Strategic Defence Initiative" programme.

Frauds in Indian overseas bank at Komalapuram (Kerala)

76. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale frauds have been detected recently at Komalapuram (Allepp) branch of the Indian Overseas Bank on the basis of complaints made by the depositors;

(b) if so, what are the details of the frauds detected;

(c) whether it is a fact that top level management of the bank at zo-

nal level has been found to be inefficient and incapable of administering the affairs of the bank; and

(d) whether Government propose to order an enquiry into the affairs of the bank and replace the top level zonal officers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Talks between Government and TULF delegations on ethnic issue in Sri Lanka

77. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times Government have conducted talks with TULF delegation on Sri Lankan issue during the last three years;

(b) when did the last talks take place and the outcome thereof;

(c) how many times during the above period Government held talks with the Government of Sri Lanka on Tamil ethnic issue; and

(d) when did the last talks take place and what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The TULF leaders from time to time have been in touch with Govt. on the Sri Lanka ethnic problem since July, 1983, when the problem assumed serious proportions.

(b) Talks were last held in New Delhi with TULF from 26th to 30th September, 1986.

(c) Government have also been in touch with the Sri Lankan Government at various levels, as through diplomatic channels, both in Colombo and New Delhi.

(d) The last round of talks by a Ministerial level delegation with the Government of Sri Lanka was held from April, 29 to May, 4 1986. This delegation was headed by Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of State for Personnel, Pensions and Public Grievances. The Government of Sri Lanka had thereafter presented detailed formulations for a political solution to the ethnic crisis.

The Prime Minister had also discussed the Tamil ethnic issue with the Sri Lanka Prime Miniter at Harare in September, 1986.

Killing of fishermen by foreign navy personnel

78. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian fishermen were arrested/killed by foreign navy personnel during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what are the details of all such incidents;

(c) whether any compensation has been demanded from the foreign nations; if so, what was their response;

(d) how far Coast Guard have been able to give protection to the Indian fishermen; and

(e) what steps have been taken to give adequate protection to the Indian fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.